

Doepp & Jones

Raleigh, North Carolina

1871-1872

In December 1871 partners August Doepp and George F. Jones purchased the Menninger Drug Store located at 33 Fayetteville Street. Dr. H. J. Menninger had been in business there for several years after moving from Wilmington where he was a wholesale druggist on Pollock and Middle Streets around 1865.

As shown in this July 1871 insert, Dr. Doepp was in charge while his employer was in Germany. Also shown is the variety of soda flavors offered in the Drug Store. There is no evidence that Dr. Menninger returned to this country.

Going to Europe.—Dr. H. J. Menninger, Secretary of State, left yesterday morning for a brief visit to Germany, his “native heath.” The Doctor has been in poor health for some time, and goes to “Faderland” to recuperate. But he leaves Mr. Doepp and his magnificent Soda Fountain, the former in great good humor, the latter in full blast.

Mr. D., has some two dozen varieties of syrups, of which the following is his published list:

Lemon, Ginger, Strawberry, Raspberry, Pineapple, Vanilla, Orange, Wild Cherry, Nectar, Ambrosia, Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, I don't care, Rose, Orgeat, Cardinal, Paullinia Sorbilis, (with Tea or Chocolate,) Tonic, Hock, Grape.

August Doepp was born in Germany and immigrated to this country in 1860. Dr. Doepp was a graduate Pharmacist of a German school. George Jones was from Petersburg, Virginia where he served as a head Pharmacist. Both men were experienced in the Pharmacy business and did well with the acquisition. Dr. Doepp traveled to New Your shortly after the purchase to acquire what was described as a splendid assortment of Fresh Drugs, Fancy Perfumeries, the real imported French Article and the Finest Havana Cigars. The establishment was known throughout Raleigh as the finest our town had to offer.

AUGUST DOEPP. GEO. F. JONES.

Doepp & Jones,

(Successors to Dr. H. J. Menninger,)

PHARMACISTS and DRUGGISTS,

33 Fayetteville Street,

R A L E I G H. N. C.

KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND a stock
of

Pure Drugs & Chemicals,

Which they dispense in person at ALL HOURS
of the day or night.

This was the first of several advertisements that shows Doepp and Jones as Successors to Dr. H. J. Menninger.

By April of 1872 the pair started an extensive Bottling and Syphon filling business as described in the following announcements.

CITY ENTERPRISE.—Messrs. Doepp & Jones are now prepared to bottle soda and mineral waters, having added to their mammoth soda water apparatus a patent bottling machine. At great trouble and expense they have made arrangements by which they can furnish every town and village in the State with fresh bottling soda water at a very small cost, and it is to be hoped our country friends will keep them busy with orders during the Summer.

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NORTH CAROLINA
ENTERPRISE,
THE WELL-KNOWN FIRM OF
DOEPP & JONES,
DRUGGISTS,
RALEIGH, N. C.,
HAVE AT GREAT EXPENSE STARTED
an extensive and complete **BOTTLING** AND
SYPHON FILLING ESTABLISHMENT, by
which they are enabled to supply the entire
State with
SODA AND MINERAL WATERS
Their **bottling** establishment is capable of
turning out 100,000 **bottles** per day, using the
patent GRAVITATING STOPPER **BOTTLE,**
and sold at very low figures.
Hotels, Bar Rooms and families supplied
at short notice.
MINERAL WATERS—
KESSENGEN,
VICHY,
SELTZER AND
CONGRESS,
shipped in glass fountains holding 1 quart
each, from which the Waters may be drawn
off in small quantities leaving the balance as
fresh and sparkling as the first glass.
Our Agents will visit every town in the
State for the purpose of introducing these
Waters. June 13-3m.

OPENING OF
SODA WATER SEASON
AT
DOEPP & JONES'
COLD SPARKLING SODA WATER.
With Genuine **FRUIT SYRUPS,** is now dispensed
from our new and elegant fountain at
No. 33 Fayetteville Street.
To this branch of our business we give our strict
personal attention and it shall be our endeavor to
maintain the high standard of excellence which it has
acquired.
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SYPHONS.
For the convenience of persons at a distance and
those who prefer to take
Soda and Mineral Waters
to their houses, we have introduced
SYPHON BOTTLES.
holding ONE QUART each, from which the waters
can be drawn as sparkling as from
the fountain, at
DOEPP & JONES'
may 1-12m

In June 1872 the Enterprise announced a capability of 100,000 bottles per day. This seems impossible as the equipment was limited. A list of bottling machines will be shown later in the article. Note the reference to the patent Gravitating Stopper Bottles.

By the end of June 1872 many of their goals were met with the addition of agents and dealers throughout the state. One such dealer is shown in the following ad. Many acclaimed this product to be of good quality and well known due to the private bottles.

OUR HOUSE.

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COME TO OUR HOUSE IF YOU want a superior article. The very best brands of liquors always on hand. Including
WHISKEY,
BRANDY,
WINES,
GINS,
RUMS.
A Good (Low Priced) Whiskey always on hand.

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TOBACCO AND CIGARS.
POTTED TURKEY AND HAM FOR LUNCHEONS.

DOEPP & JONES'
SODA WATER.

Bottled Ale & Porter.
LAGER BEER
Of a Superior Quality on Draught

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Thanking my customers for past patronage I will guarantee that I will always have the above articles of the very best Quality at

“OUR HOUSE.”
J. L. COKER.
Sept. 1 6m. **TARBORO**



Note: The Gravitating Stopper Bottle was made by John Matthews and patented on October 11, 1864 in New York.

After a very successful start, the partners decided to end their short term relationship and filed for Dissolution. The notice is show below. Even though the partnership was dissolved August Doepp continued to ship large quantities of products to other areas as well as serving the Raleigh market.

N O T I C E .

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

This is to give notice that that the co-partnership heretofor. existing under the name and style of Doepp & Jones, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The Drug business hereafter will be conducted by August Doepp, who assumes the liabilities, and will collect the debt dues the late firm.

AUGUST DOEPP,
GEORGE F. JONES.

Raleigh, N. C., July 14, 1872.

I would respectfully reier to the above notice, and the public for the patronage so liberally extended to the late firm, and I hope by strict personal attention to business to merit a continuance of the same.

AUGUST DOEPP.

July 17-tf.

Mr. Doepp continues to ship large quantities of his elegant Soda and Mineral waters to all sections of this and adjoining States. At his Soda Fountain, said to be the finest in any of the Southern cities, besides Soda water, he dispenses all the principal favorite Mineral waters of the same ingredients as when taken from the springs.

Dr. Doepp continued business until October 1872 when the operation was sold to William Simpson.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A N N O U N C E M E N T .

The undersigned announces to his friends and the public at large, that he has recently purchased and thoroughly renovated and re-stocked the Drug Store

No. 33 Fayetteville Street,

(late Doepp & Jones') with a full assortment of

Medicines,
Drugs,
Perfumery,
Toilet Articles,
Cigars,
Fancy Goods,
Soda and
Mineral Waters,

and everything usually found in a first-class Drug Store.

He respectfully solicits the patronage of his friends, and a fair share of the public trade, and hopes by constant attention, courtesy and fair dealing, to retain it for the future.

The attention of Physicians is invited to my large stock of Elixirs, and Fluid, and Solid Extracts,

Respectfully,
WILLIAM SIMPSON.

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WILLIAM SIMPSON, THE NEW DRUGGIST.—As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, Wm. Simpson, Esq., has taken charge of the Drug Store, No. 33 Fayetteville street, formerly occupied by Messrs. Doepp & Jones. Our first recollection of friend Simpson, was twenty years ago as a druggist in Warrenton, when he was then noted in that enterprising village as a first-class prescriptionist. His stock is large, complete and fresh, and with his long experience in the business is prepared to fill all orders and prescriptions at short notice, and in a satisfactory style. Mr. Simpson is deservedly popular in the city, and that he will receive a liberal share of public patronage, there is no room to doubt. Success to the new enterprise, say we.

On November 11, 1872 the remaining bottling equipment was sold at auction. Although Mr. Simpson continued to sell Soda and Mineral Water, he had no interest in large scale bottling. Below is the public notice of sale. Note the large quantity of bottles for sale. The bottle cases were most likely 24 or 48 bottle size.

SHERIFF'S SALE!

On Monday, November 11th, 1872, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following goods and chattels, seized as the property of August Doepp, to satisfy executions in my hands for collection, to wit:

2 Soda and Mineral Water Botling
Machines,
1 Generator,
3 Fountains,
300 Cases Bottles.

Sale to take place on the premises.
No. 33 Fayetteville Street.

T. F. LEE,
Sheriff.
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Nov. 1.

After leaving the Pharmacy and bottling trade, August Doepp became a successful dealer of pianos and organs as he was an accomplished musician. He opened a small piano manufacturing business in Raleigh with help from craftsmen recruited from Germany. He remained in Raleigh for a number of years.

Mr. Jones was not as fortunate as was met with a different fate. After the partnership ended he took employment in Atlanta as head Pharmacist for the firm Heard, Craig & Co. While in their employ he had an opportunity to make a special drink for two of the owners and accidentally included a poisonous material. Within hours Judge Pullum and Dr. Craig died from a fatal dose of Aconite.

David Tingen
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